Application No. 10/705,778

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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listin;; of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims

(currently amended): An interlabial pad being formed into a
substantially elengated shape having a longitudinal direction and a lateral
direction and being provided with a size, weight and flexibility such that
the pad is pinched and held partially or totally inadapted for use between
the labia without forcing,

wherein said interlabial pad is provided with a body side face orientated to a body side and an opposite side face to the body side orientated to a garment side;

wherein said interlabial pad comprises a mini sheet piece striding from one portion to another portion at each side edge of both side edges taking the longitudinal direction of the interlabial pad as a central axis, and a finger insertion opening formed between the mini sheet piece and said opposite side face to the body side, for directly securing the opening of the fingerbreadth of a wearer;

wherein said mini sheet piece is disposed in a way to cover at least a portion (finger application point) of said opposite side face to the body side corresponding to an area (application point) of said surface side sheet applied to a predetermined position between the labia of the wearer; and

wherein said finger inscrtion opening serves for guiding a fingertip of the wearer to the application point.

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- (currently amended): The interlabial pad of claim 1, wherein said mini 2. sheet piece is di posed nearer to in the vicinity of one end in said longitudinal direction of said interlabial 25 pad.
- (previously presented): The interlabial pad of claim 1, wherein said mini 3. sheet piece is disposed on said opposite side face to the body side of said interlabial pad in a way to form a pocket shape finger insertion space.
- (previously presented): The interlabial pad of claim 1, wherein at least a 4. part of said min. sheet piece is stretchable or elastically extensible at least in respect to sail lateral direction of said interlabial pad.
- (previously presented): The interlabial pad of claim 1, wherein said mini 5. sheet piece has a bonding portion in a portion striding across said opposite side face to the body side.
- (previously presented): The interlabial pad of claim 1, said interlabial 6. pad comprising
 - a surface side sheet disposed on said body side face of the interlabial pad; and
 - a back side theet disposed on said opposite side face to the body side.

wherein the surface side sheet and back side sheet are bonded to contain said absorbent body; and

wherein said mini sheet piece and said interlabial pad are bonded at a piece-bonding portion of each side of said both sides of said interlabial pad, the piece-honding portion being other than a sheet-bonding portion at which said surface side sheet and said back side sheet are bonded.

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- (previously presented): The interlabial pad of claim 1, wherein said mini 7. sheet piece has a length dimension at least 10 % longer than that of said interlabial pad in said longitudinal direction of said interlabial pad.
- (previously presented): The interlabial pad of claim 1, wherein a depth 8. distance from a finger insertion opening in the finger insertion direction is longer than a length from a fingertip to a second joint of an index or middle finger of an ordinary woman.
- (previously presented): The interlabial pad of claim 1, wherein a total 9. circumferential length of an inside of said finger insertion opening is between 30 mm to 120 mm.
- (previously presented): The interlabial pad of claim 1, wherein said 10. opposite side face to the body side of said interlabial pad is provided with extremely fine concave and convex.
- (previously presented): The interlabial pad of claim 1, wherein an 11. adhesive is applied to a portion of a skin contact surface defined as a portion in contact with a skin of the wearer when said interlabial pad is worn, the skin contact surface being defined on said opposite side face to the body side of said interlabial pad.
- (previously presented): The interlabial pad of claim 1, comprising an 12. upheaval area on said body side face, the upheaval area protruding toward the body side at a central portion of the lateral direction of the body side face.
- (previously presented): The interlabial pad of claim 1, wherein said 13. opposite side face to the body side of said interlabial pad is made of moisture permeable material.

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- 14. (previously presented): The interlabial pad of claim 1, wherein said pad being composed of biodegradable material and/or water-soluble material and/or water dispersible material.
- 15. (previously presented): The interlabial pad of claim 1, wherein said interlabial pad is; an interlabial pad for incontinence.
- 16. (previously presented): The interlabial pad of claim 1, wherein said interlabial pad i; an interlabial pad for absorbing vaginal discharge.
- 17. (original): An interlabial pad manufacturing method for manufacturing the interlabial pad of claim 5, comprising;

setting longer a pair of wings ordinarily disposed at both side portions of a sanitary napkin; and

bonding said wings to form said mini sheet piece.